



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

v.

Docket No. EL12-59-000

Southwestern Public Service Company

Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on April 20, 2012, pursuant to sections 201, 206, and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 824, 824e and 825e, and Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 CFR 385.206, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Complainant or Golden Spread) filed a formal complaint against Southwestern Public Service Company (Respondent or SPS) alleges that the formula rate of Replacement Power Sales Agreement (RPSA) by and between Golden Spread and SPS and that the formula rate of the Xcel Joint Energy Open Access Tariff applicable to pricing of transmission service over the facilities of SPS contain an unjust and unreasonable return on equity (ROE), contrary section 205 of the Federal Power Act. Golden Spread requests a determination that the appropriate base ROE for both the RPSA and the transmission formula rate should set at 9.15%.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on May 10, 2012.

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